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BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Ms. Ellen L. Weintraub, Esq.
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Washington, DC 20005-2011

RE: MUR 4803
John Tierney for Congress Committee
(FEC ID# C00283283)
and Roy F. Gelineau, Jr., as treasurer
Tierney for Congress
(FEC ID# C00318186)
and Roy F. Gelineau, Jr., as treasurer
Michael Goldman d/b/a Goldman Associates
H & C Service Corp. d/b/a Hawthorne Hotel

Dear Ms. Weintraub:

This is in response to your letter dated November 3, 1999, which we received on that date, requesting an extension until November 29, 1999 to respond to the Commission's reason to believe notifications in the above-captioned matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. As reflected in your letter, the extension encompasses a 20-day extension plus an additional four calendar days to account for the Thanksgiving holiday. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on Monday, November 29, 1999.

Your letter indicates that while you have only recently been retained by your clients Michael Goldman and H & C Service Corp., and therefore need to consult with them further, you believe that once your consultations are concluded you will wish to pursue pre-probable cause conciliation on behalf of all respondents. This Office also believes this matter may be a candidate for pre-probable cause conciliation. However, our ability to recommend that the Commission enter into pre-probable cause conciliation, if you request it, will depend on the amount of information we have concerning the transactions at issue. To that end, I encourage your clients to include in their response as much information as possible concerning:

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- 1) the original terms of the outstanding extensions of credit to Congressman Tierney's first committee by Goldman Associates and H & C Service Corp., and any agreed-upon changes of those terms subsequent to the times the extensions were made;
- 2) other extensions of credit by each vendor to nonpolitical debtors of similar size and risk of obligation;
- 3) each vendor's established procedures and past practice in approving credit;
- 4) any attempts by either vendor to collect the outstanding debts owed them by Congressman Tierney's first committee;
- 5) any attempts by either of Congressman Tierney's committees to raise funds to pay the outstanding debts owed by the first committee to either vendor;
- 6) the dates and amounts of all payments of interest and principal on the September 2, 1994 loan from Eastern Bank to Congressman Tierney, acting on behalf of his first committee; and;
- 7) for each such payment, the identity of the person making the payments.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



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Attorney